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S.B. No. 572

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a feasibility study and report by the Texas Division of
3 Emergency Management regarding the use of United States Postal
4 Service employees, resources, and assets during a declared
5 disaster.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 418, Government Code, is
8 amended by adding Section 418.053 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 418.053. STUDY REGARDING AGREEMENT WITH UNITED STATES
10 POSTAL SERVICE. (a) The division shall conduct a study to examine
11 the feasibility of establishing an agreement with the United States
12 Postal Service regarding the use of employees, resources, and
13 assets within the postal service during a state of disaster to:

14 (1) identify residential or commercial structures
15 that have been damaged;

16 (2) identify persons who reside in a damaged area and
17 the medical or physical needs of those persons;

18 (3) help assess the damage to neighborhoods or
19 communities; and

20 (4) assist in any other activity that the division
21 determines to be necessary in responding to the disaster.

22 (b) Not later than November 1, 2019, the division shall:

23 (1) complete the study;

24 (2) report the results of the study to the lieutenant

1 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the
2 standing committees of the house and the senate with jurisdiction
3 over public safety matters; and

4 (3) post the results of the study on the division's
5 Internet website.

6 (c) This section expires December 31, 2021.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.